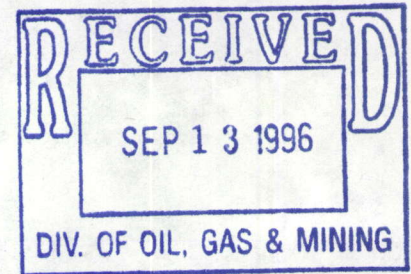




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Dear Mr. Mortensen:

We have received and reviewed your proposed amendment to your notice for gypsum mining in Emery County. We have no problems with the change to blasting, providing all applicable Federal and state regulations regarding blasting are adhered to.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Neil Simmons of my staff at (801) 636-3639.

Sincerely,

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